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Eye in the sky for SWDs



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City raises concern over CAA



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How shortage of licenced snake rescuers is leading to botched efforts that may harm serpents & humans

SERPENTINE FIX

BBMP has only 7 authorised rescuers of mandated 30

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Last year, Laxmikant*, a resident near Bannerghatta Main Road, found a snake curled up in a corner of his house. He frantically made a few calls to snake rescuers and one arrived in a couple of hours. However, the snake by then had slithered into a rat hole just outside the house. The rescuer pulled out a bottle of gasoline and poured it inside the hole. The serpent crawled out immediately, only to be trapped inside a plastic bottle. The rescuer charged Laxmikant a hefty sum for this operation and left in a hurry-scurry.

Snake experts and city-based rescue centres say while summer sightings of snakes have gone up in the city, BBMP has only seven authorised snake rescuers to attend to all rescue calls. This shortage is leading to unlicensed rescues similar to the aforementioned instance.

"Snakes tend to taste any liquid poured into their refuge. More often than not, they are thirsty and end up drinking the liquid. When gasoline enters their system, it causes a burning sensation, and the reptiles come out writhing in pain. Eventually, they die," said Shuayb Ahmad M, a city-based snake rescuer, working with the Bruhat



“A lack of understanding and training leads to unlicensed rescuers shoving snakes in jars and plastic bottles

— Shuayb Ahmad M, city-based snake rescuer

Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

Experts point to many such practices being followed by

unauthorised and inexperienced rescuers that end up harming snakes and jeopardising rescue operations. However, there are

scores of such rescuers who have gone ahead and marketed their numbers widely. Apart from

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What's hiding in plain site?

'Rumoured plan to increase penalty from 10% to 25% on sites vacant for more than five years'



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If the grapevine on Bangalore Development Authority's (BDA's) proposal to hike penalty on vacant sites is anything to go by, it seems the BDA is focused only on collecting more revenue rather than providing basic amenities at the layouts developed by it.

Purportedly the BDA has a proposal to increase the penalty from 10% to 25% on sites that are vacant for more than five years.

The BDA issued an official order on October 19, 2022, revising the penalty on vacant sites measuring between 20x30 sq ft and 30x40 sq ft from Rs 10,000 to Rs 15,000 but did not hike the penalty from Rs 5,000 on 20x30 sq ft sites.

It has revised the penalty on 30x40 sq ft vacant sites from Rs 40,000 to Rs 60,000 and for a vacant site measuring from 30x40 sq ft to 40x60 sq ft the penalty was revised from Rs 80,000 to Rs 1,20,000.

It will be a burden on site owners if the BDA goes ahead with its proposal to increase the penalty on vacant sites from the existing 10% to 25%.

The BDA is yet to provide basic amenities at the layouts developed by it in the

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Luxe showcase



Discover the epitome of style and luxury at the HI Life Exhibition, India's foremost fashion showcase. This trendsetting event promises a curated selection of high-fashion collections, spanning designer wear, bridal attire, jewellery, accessories, and more.

Where: The Lalit Ashok
When: March 12 to 14

02 Fashion and heritage



Explore the vibrant hues and rich heritage of Rajasthan at "The Grand Rajasthani Exhibition," a captivating showcase of handloom, handicrafts, and jewellery. Organised by Maaruthi Enterprises, this exhibition promises an exclusive array of traditional and contemporary creations, including Orissa tie and dye, West Bengal cotton sarees, Lucknow Seikan carving, and more.

Where: VV Convention Hall, Horamavu
When: March 11 to 17

03 An act with intrigue



Embark on a captivating journey of truth and belief with Ashvin Gidwani's thrilling masterpiece, "Barff." Directed and performed by the acclaimed Saurabh Shukla, this gripping tale set against the picturesque backdrop of Kashmir promises an evening of intrigue and suspense.

Where: Prestige Srihari Khoday Centre for Performing Arts
When: March 17, 6 pm onwards

Building upgrade for govt schools

Collaboration between organisations brings hope and modern facilities to govt schools

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If all goes well, Government Lower Primary School at Bevinamara Colony in Kannamangala Panchayat is set to get a new building in 10 months. For years, children and teachers struggled due to insufficient space at the existing school building. During the monsoon, it was tough for them to focus on studies due to the leaky roof of the school building.

A foundation-laying ceremony was held on the school premises for the construction of the new building, which will have ground plus two floors. The existing building has only five rooms, causing inconvenience for the teachers and 115 students, including three children with special needs.

The Rotary District Governor and Rotary members, the executive team of Wabtec, Kannamangala Panchayat members and officials, and the team from Indradhanush attended the ceremony.

With the active participation of Indradhanush Trust and corporate social responsibility (CSR) funding of Rs 2 crore from Wabtec in collaboration with Rotary Whitefield, the new building is set to become a reality in 10 months.



Government Lower Primary School at Bevinamara Colony

“It will be a great help to teachers and students. The existing building has no toilet facility for children with special needs. The proposed new building will have that facility”

—Chandrasekhar SR, headmaster

“The education authorities gave consent for the construction of the new building. It will be a great help for teachers and students. The existing building has no toilet facility for children with special needs. The proposed new building will have that facility,” said the school headmaster, Chandrasekhar SR.

As of now, the school has a computer laboratory and a library for the benefit of its students and alumni. Computer training is provided to alumni after school hours. “The new school building will have a provision for a robotic laboratory, and kindergarten classes will continue at the existing building after

the school shifts to the new building. There is potential to start 6th and 7th grades in the future after opening the new building,” the headmaster said.

Speaking with Bangalore Mirror, Manisha Sriraman of Indradhanush said that all facilities, including full-time teachers, were provided to the Government Lower Primary School. “We plan to have a sports center for 12 government schools in and around Kannamangala,” said Manisha.

Mahadevapura Task Force for Environment chairman and president of ForceGW Lingaraj Urs said that he has been associated with Bevinamara Colony School for the last 14 years. “We have provided all the needs for a model school, from basic educational needs to teachers for English and Mathematics. The ‘bhoomi pooja’ for the state-of-the-art building is a huge milestone and absolutely necessary. This will mark Bevinamara Colony School as one of the best schools in the Panchayat area. The students are very excited,” he said. Surendra Babu from Bevinamara Colony said that he was very happy with the quality of amenities and education at the Government Lower Primary School. “I appreciate all those responsible for the proposed new school building,” said Surendra Babu.

Pvt varsities can have off-shore campuses

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The University Grants Commission (UGC) has recently permitted private universities to establish offshore campuses and issued guidelines for the same. Until now, private universities in the country were not authorised to open offshore campuses in other states. Sources indicate that while this decision offers students better alternatives, it may also further weaken the 16 public universities in the state.

In a meeting held recently, the UGC decided to allow private universities in the state to establish offshore campuses anywhere in the country if they meet certain criteria: a minimum of five years of establishment and operation, and accreditation from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). However, obtaining an A or a B grade in NAAC rankings will not be mandatory.

Private universities intending to establish offshore campuses must fulfil the minimum staff, infrastructure, and financial require-

ments set by the commission. They are also required to obtain approvals from statutory and regulatory bodies.

To demonstrate their capability, universities must provide land lease documents showing sufficient land for their offshore campuses, with a minimum lease period of 30 years. Additionally, they must ensure that infrastructure, faculty, and courses offered at the main campus are also provided at the offshore campuses.

Universities are obligated to pay Rs 10 lakh as establishment fees to the UGC. The commission reserves the right to conduct inspections and take punitive measures against universities in case of irregularities or complaints. If a university breaches regulations, the UGC may order the closure of its offshore campus, and the university must facilitate the transfer of students to the main campus. The university can acquire an operational college or institute in another state after obtaining a No Objection Certificate

New UGC ruling to reshape university landscape in India

(NOC) from the current affiliated university.

Academic experts believe that while this decision may benefit students by offering more choices, it will intensify competition for the 16 government-run universities in the state. Consequently, more students may opt for these campuses, resulting in a significant number of vacant seats in public universities annually.

Creche rules

The UGC has ruled institutes about the National Minimum Standards and Protocol for Creches (Operation and Management) rules. In a letter to vice-chancellors of universities and college principals, UGC secretary Prof Manish Joshi said, “The Ministry of Labour and Employment has notified the Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act, mandating that every establishment having 50 or more employees shall have the facility of creche within such distance as may be prescribed, either separately or along with common facilities. In this regard, the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) has formulated the National Guidelines for Setting Up and Running Creches under Maternity Benefit Act.”

Eye in the sky peeled out for drain below

Drone surveillance for stormwater drains begins; footage now accessible on BBMP site

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The Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has begun utilising drones to surveil stormwater drains (SWD) in the city, with the footage now accessible to the public via the Palike's website. This technological advancement aims to enhance transparency and accountability regarding the condition of stormwater drains.

The BBMP has started uploading drone-captured footage of stormwater drains to monitor their status. Currently, videos covering 12 constituencies have been uploaded under the SWD Annual Maintenance Work-BBMP section on the official website. This initiative enables the BBMP to conduct regular surveys of stormwater drains, identify issues, and take prompt action to resolve them, particularly in areas that are difficult to access physically.

Activists appreciate the move and advocate for regular uploading of such surveys.

"A drone survey could easily help Palike in identifying the problems with stormwater drains. However, the question



is whether BBMP would take action based on the information. Bengaluru is the IT capital of India and should be utilised more often in solving problems. Such a move would be compliant with Section 4 of the RTI Act. BBMP should use these drones to create a digital network map of stormwater drains and upload it on the platform.

This would even allow the public to raise issues about encroachments. Back in the day, Britishers used to create

rajakaluve maps with contours and scale, and BBMP should also consider implementing them in digital maps. The digital maps should also be drawn along with buffer zones," said civic activist Sandeep Anirudhan.

Section 4 of the RTI Act mandates that every public authority should publish 'details in respect of the information available to or held by it, reduced in an electronic form,' and update them every year.

Man forges ticket to drop girlfriend at airport, caught

A 25-year-old private company employee in the city found himself in police custody after attempting to enter Kempegowda International Airport using a forged ticket. Prakar, is said to have done this to drop off his girlfriend at the terminal for her flight to Delhi.

He is said to have manipulated his girlfriend's flight ticket to gain access to the airport premises. Once his girlfriend had boarded the plane, Prakar

tried to leave the airport by telling Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel that he had been removed from the flight. Upon verification, the ticket was found to be fake. CISF personnel lodged a complaint at the Bengaluru International Police Station. Deputy Commissioner of Police, North East, BM Laxmi Prasad, said, "An FIR was registered following the confirmation of the ticket's illegitimacy."

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Imposter persists

Citizens raise concerns over inefficient implementation of plastic ban in Karnataka; 19 single-use plastic items are still very much in use

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It was in 2016 that Karnataka imposed a full ban on the use of polythene bags, apart from various other plastic-based items.

According to the Karnataka government's notification that year, the use of plastic carry bags, banners, buntings, flexes, plastic flags, etc. was considered a threat to the environment and the health of human beings as well as animals. The notification thus imposed a ban on the manufacture, supply, sale, and use of these and other such items.

Much later, on July 1, 2022, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) announced a ban on the use of single-use plastic (SUP) items. With the ban, the central pollution watchdog announced that anyone caught using, selling, manufacturing, distributing, importing, or stocking these products would be penalised.

However, even a cursory look at Bengaluru's marketplaces and black spots proves that these rules have remained largely on paper so far.

Not only are vendors handing over banned items that are being used by the public openly, but new items that claim to be environment-friendly and biodegradable are also available, misguiding unaware citizens. "Banned plastic items are available openly with smaller vendors and shopkeepers. Traders, mostly smaller vendors and pushcart sellers, are handing over banned plastic bags even now. While paper cups are illegal as per the Centre's ban imposed on July 1, 2022, they are available everywhere. Nobody seems to have taken note of that," said Aparna, a resident of South Bengaluru.

The 19 SUP items that were to be banned starting July 2022 included earbuds with plastic sticks, plastic sticks for balloons, plastic flags,



Banned items such as plastic carry bags, buntings, flags, flexes and others are still being used widely

Vendors are handing over banned plastic bags even now. While paper cups are illegal as per the Centre's ban imposed on July 1, 2022, they are available everywhere.

—Aparna, South B'lruru resident

candy sticks, ice cream sticks, thermocol for decoration, plastic plates, cups, plastic glasses, cutlery such as forks, spoons, knives, straws, trays, wrapping or packaging films around sweet boxes, invitation cards, cigarette packets, PVC banners less than 100 microns, and stirrers.

"The best marker to understand if

the state ban in 2016 or the Centre ban in 2022 has been successful is the city's black spots. Every black spot has paper cups, thin plastic bags, wrapping films, plastic plates and glasses, etc. The black spot on Jakkur Main Road contains all these items and many more," said a resident of Yelahanka.

Solid Waste Management volunteers say while they are tirelessly working at ward levels across the city to tackle plastic ban violations, their efforts are proving ineffective.

They say the obvious prior steps that agencies such as Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) need to take are cutting cross-border access from states, closing manufacturing units, and raiding wholesalers. Ensuring that seized items do not

find their way back into circulation is another important aspect of phasing out banned items.

Plugging leaks

"Our current work on-ground is similar to plugging many leaks in a huge bucket, while instead, the far simpler and obvious solution is for agencies responsible to shut off the flow at the source. This is important if we intend to implement the bans effectively. Once banned, plastic percolates into small and big vendors across the city, and the effort required to ease it out is far more humongous. Combined with the high volunteer activity on the ground that Bangalore boasts, it is possible to achieve a plastic-free Bangalore," said Odette Katrak, Co-founder of Beautiful Bharat, a citizen volunteer group.

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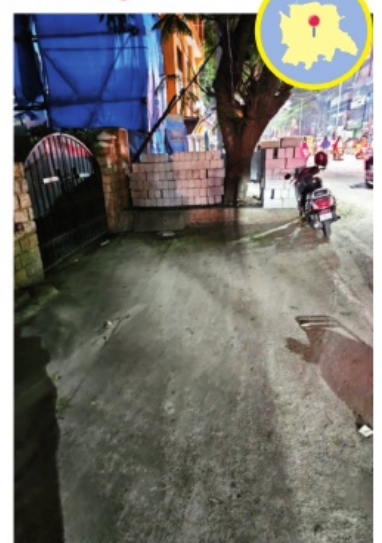
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Way of litter Brunton Road



Brunton Road requires some cleaning as it is experiencing a dire state of affairs, with waste littered around.

Congested pavement Koramangala



This footpath is completely blocked on the 80ft road, 6th block of Koramangala.

Residents of area exude excitement over restoration of defunct community tap

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Around 36 families at Kallahalli are excited over the restoration of the water supply that was snapped in October 2023. These families, most of them belonging to weaker sections, have struggled for drinking water in the last five months. With the restoration of drinking water supply by the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), their joy knew no bounds, and they wanted to be grateful to the BWSSB authorities.

"I had to go all the way to another

Kallahalli's tap has come alive



Community water tap that is restored at Harijan Colony of Kallahalli

er community water tap situated near Bangalore One Centre. There are occasions where I had to wait for more than 30 minutes to fetch water from the community water tap due to the other residents waiting in line for water. Now, I need not either go such a distance or waste time waiting for my turn to fetch water," said Brinda, a resident of Harijan Colony at Kallahalli.

Murali, a resident, said that the restoration of the Cauvery water supply will be a boon for the families of Harijan Colony. "I want to thank the BWSSB authorities and others responsible for the restoration of water supply," he said.

Previously, on October 29, 2023, Bangalore Mirror published a story titled 'The Sunday Read: Lifeline snapped: BWSSB cuts off community

water tap,' which narrated that the BWSSB had forgotten its duty to supply drinking water of unquestionable quality in sufficient quantity and that by removing the community water tap, the BWSSB had denied the residents' fundamental right to have clean water.

Describing the restoration of the community water tap as a good gesture by the BWSSB authorities, Kalidasa Reddy, a resident of Kallahalli, said that the residents of Harijan Colony had suffered a lot due to the removal of the community water tap last October. "The restoration of the community water tap is a great help for women, including senior citizens of Harijan Colony. I want to thank the BWSSB authorities for restoring the community water tap," he added.

Pile peril Jakkasandra



This pile of cement is dumped behind 6th D cross, Venkatapura, Jakkasandra, ward #173, near iGate, making the situation unbearable for the residents.

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A colourful blend of Holi and Easter celebrations at CUR8's Sunday brunch



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SWD construction drains citizens' patience

Concerns rise as Storm Water Drain project remains unfinished, risking sewage overflow during heavy rain

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Residents of HBR Layout have voiced their apprehensions regarding the halted construction of the SWD (Storm Water Drain) side wall stretching from Naga-wara Ring Road to 19th Main, HBR Layout. The project, initiated approximately 5-6 months ago, has come to an abrupt standstill, leaving residents worried about potential consequences.

According to concerned residents, construc-

tion progress reached around 200-250 feet on both sides before being abruptly halted by SWD officials for reasons undisclosed to the public. Furthermore, the demolition of the old walls on either side has left behind pits filled with waste mud, resembling makeshift bunds. This has raised fears among residents that heavy rainfall could breach these bunds, leading to the inundation of sewage water into residential areas adjacent to the layout.

Residents have experienced firsthand the repercussions of inadequate drainage systems during heavy rainfall.



Vikram Mailar Vijay, East zone incharge, Bengaluru Navanirman Party (BNP) central team, highlighted the existing problem, stating that during heavy rains, SWD water and sewage overflow onto the streets and can even backflow into the sewage pipes of houses, causing extensive damage.

The concerns raised by residents underscore the critical need for timely and efficient infrastructure development to mitigate the risks posed by monsoon rains. Inadequate drainage infrastructure not only threatens property but also poses health hazards to residents, exposing them to contaminated sewage water.

Construction of storm water drain has come to a halt at HBR Layout

BDA's 'bizarre proposal' sans basic amenities

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city. It is not fair for the BDA to expect site owners to begin construction of houses without basic amenities such as roads, electricity, underground drainage, and drinking water.

For example, the BDA formed Visvesvaraya Layout in 2002 but only 90% of the developmental works are completed. The residents of the layout had to approach the National Green Tribunal to ensure collection of garbage from the layout by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike.

"The BDA collects Rs 1,800 towards maintenance fees along with Rs 2,000 for a 30x40 sq ft site but it has failed to make arrangements for the disposal of garbage. We had to approach the NGT seeking a direction to the authorities concerned to make arrangements for collecting garbage from our layout," said Visvesvaraya Layout Residents' Welfare Association president DS Gowda.

There are 17,000 sites at Visvesvaraya Layout and around 4,200 site allottees have constructed houses till date.

When it comes to Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout, the BDA has to do a lot to complete the ongoing developmental works. The BDA has been seeking extension to ensure basic infrastructure in place.

"As per the BDA policy, sites should be allotted only after basic amenities are in place. The Nadaprabhu Kempegowda

Layout project is registered under the RERA which states infrastructure should be time-bound, but the BDA, being the government body and town planner, failed to deliver basic amenities before allotment of sites as per its own clauses. It also failed to meet three deadlines to complete the ongoing infrastructure related works," said Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout Open Forum spokesperson Surya Kiran.

He said the lease cum sale deed says the construction of the building should be done within five years of site registration.

"If BDA takes years to decades to provide basic amenities, how can site owners construct buildings within five years of registration," he asked.

There are around 20,600 sites at the BSK 6th Stage Layout developed by the BDA in 2001 and 2004. The BDA developed 11 blocks in 2001-02 and three blocks in 2004.

"The BDA is yet to provide underground drainage and sewage treatment plants (STPs). The BDA needs two more years to complete the ongoing works," said BSK 6th Stage Residents' Welfare Association president TS Mahesh.

The BDA is yet to complete the ongoing developmental works at Arkavathy Layout. "The BDA has taken up developmental works including drinking water, UGD, asphalted roads and electricity but these works are progressing at a snail's pace," said Ramesh KV, who bought the site at Arkavathy Layout.

Court gives Byju's time till March 28

The Karnataka High Court on Wednesday granted time to Think and Learn Pvt Ltd, the parent company of edtech major Byju's, to file a rejoinder to the response filed by some of the investors. The stay against the resolutions at the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM), which the investors passed on February 23 continues, and "none of those resolutions can be given effect to", Byju's said in a statement.

The matter will next be heard on March 28, the company said. The key investors of Byju's -- Prosus, General Atlantic, Sofina, and Peak XV -- had moved the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) in Bengaluru. The tribunal had directed Byju's that the proceeds from the rights issue (about \$250-\$300 million) is to be kept in a separate account till the disposal of the case with the investors.

Meanwhile, in a separate case, the tribunal is on track to conclude the hearing regarding the Board of Control for Cricket in India's (BCCI) plea against Byju's by March 20. The heart of the dispute lies in the BCCI's pursuit of insolvency proceedings against Byju's, a move prompted by unpaid dues. **-IANS**

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City faces shortage of snake rescuers

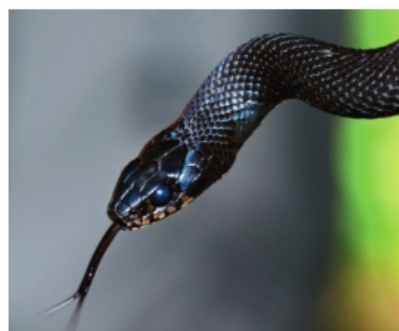
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has also led to a drop in the number of calls to BBMP-authorized rescuers.

"If the calls were channelled in the right manner, I would be flooded with 15 to 18 calls in a day. However, I am receiving just 3-4 calls. A lack of understanding and training leads to unlicensed rescuers shoving snakes in jars and plastic bottles. A big snake stuffed inside a smaller bottle ends up rupturing ventral scales when rescuers try to pull it out of the bottle by their tails. Although injured, these snakes are released in the wild, which kills them eventually," added Ahmad.

Experts say trapping snakes in bottles and jars is a cruel practice and leads to deaths in most cases as snakes are cold-blooded animals. When trapped in jars and bottles, it becomes difficult to regulate their body temperature.

"These rescuers are putting the animals through a lot of stress. When rescuers are untrained and unlicensed, we don't know if they are releasing snakes in time at a safe



Trapping snakes in bottles is a cruel practice as it can kill the reptiles

location. Held captive for a long duration, reptiles get stressed," underlined another city-based snake rescuer.

Interestingly, a notification issued by BBMP forest cell sometime ago said the civic agency will ensure 30 authorised snake rescuers are on board considering the high number of rescue calls. However, this proposal has remained on paper so far.

According to Dr (Colonel) Nawaz

Shariff, chief veterinarian, People for Animals (PFA), snake rescue, in the absence of sufficient and authorised rescuers, has become a money-making business in Bengaluru.

"In case of snake rescue calls, time matters. Thus, as soon as we get calls, we immediately rush to the spot. However, in case the location is outside a 10-km radius, we advise the callers to reach out to BBMP rescuers. In this rush and shortage of rescuers, people often end up calling unauthorised persons who charge hefty sums by purposefully identifying non-venomous snakes as venomous. Such practices not only harm snakes but also put people's lives at risk. However, there is a lack of awareness about this issue," said Dr (Colonel) Shariff.

When BM reached out to BLG Swamy, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF), BBMP, he said: "We currently have seven authorised snake rescuers for the city. We have not yet appointed the additional 23 rescuers. It will happen in the coming month." **(*name changed)**



Pratap Simha was at the BJP management committee meeting in Mysuru on Tuesday

LS polls: Hits & misses

BJP drops Simha & DV Sadananda Gowda for MP tickets

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As the countdown is about to begin for the Lok Sabha polls, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) surprised many by omitting significant names from its list of Lok Sabha candidates. The most notable exclusions were the current Mysuru MP Pratap Simha, former Chief Minister and current MP from Bengaluru North DV Sadananda Gowda, and former BJP state unit president and Mangaluru MP Nalin Kumar Kateel. Additionally, former Union Minister GM Siddeshwar's name was dropped, but he received compensation as his wife has been nominated from Davanagere.

In a particularly surprising move, Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, scion of the Wadiyar dynasty, has been nominated as the BJP LS candidate from Mysuru. The omission of Simha's name was especially unexpected. Mysuru royals had a history with politics. It may be noted that Sri Kantadatta Wadiyar contested six times in elections for Mysuru MP polls. He emerged victorious four times as a Congress candidate and faced defeat twice; once as a BJP candidate and once again as a Congress candidate.

"Undoubtedly, Simha was one of the most popular young BJP

leaders, and in the past, he has been credited with many important projects, such as introducing new trains to Mysuru or the Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway. Yet, Simha was dropped. Despite protests from Simha's supporters in Mysuru demanding his ticket, the High Command believed that Simha had not done enough, especially in terms of organizational efforts. Allegations surfaced that Simha had strained

Despite protests by Simha's supporters in Mysuru, the top leaders believed Simha had not done enough —BJP leader

relations with local BJP MLAs in the past, causing discontent within the party," said a BJP leader.

In another surprise, former PM HD Deve Gowda's son-in-law, Dr. CN Manjunath, who recently retired as director of the Jayadeva Institute of Cardiology, will contest against Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar's brother and incumbent MP DK Suresh from Bengaluru Rural. Although initially hesitant, Manjunath was persuaded by the Gowda family to enter the fray, as the BJP lacked strong candidates to challenge Suresh.

Former CM DV Sadananda Gowda, currently representing

Bengaluru North, was also notably absent from the list. Although he had previously expressed intentions to retire from politics due to feeling mistreated, his recent statements indicated a desire to contest Bengaluru North. However, the BJP parliamentary board decided to replace him with Shobha Karandlaje. Karandlaje, who previously represented the Udupi-Chikkamagaluru constituency, faced internal conflicts with former BJP Minister CT Ravi. In a surprising move, Kota Sreenivasa Poojary was named as her replacement from Udupi Chikkamagaluru. Another upset occurred for veteran BJP leader KS Eshwarappa, as his son Kantesh was a frontrunner for the Haveri constituency, but the BJP opted for former CM Basavaraj Bommai instead.

Among other candidates, PC Mohan retained his candidacy for Bengaluru Central, and Tejasvi Surya was named for Bengaluru South. Of the 28 constituencies, only 20 names were announced.

Unlike previous elections, this one promises a direct contest between the BJP and Congress. Thus far, it appears that former CM BS Yediyurappa's son BY Raghavendra will face Geeta Shivarajkumar in Shivamogga, former BJP MLA V Somantha will contest against Mudda Hanumegowda in Tumakuru, and former Minister Ramesh Jigajangi will go against former MLA HR Al-gur (Raju Al-gur) in Vijayapura.

Bengaluru voices its concern over CAA



A protester at the anti-CAA demonstration in city on Wednesday

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All India Central Council of Trade Unions (AITTU) among other organisations protested against the rules of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) being notified by the Centre in the city on Wednesday. The controversial Act has garnered much attention since it was passed by the Parliament in 2019 amid huge protests across the country. Protestors vehemently condemned the notification and urged the Centre to repeal the Act as it is "discriminatory" in nature.

"We protested against the Act in 2019 at Mysore Bank Circle along with the rest of the country and will continue to protest until the Centre repeals the Act," said a protestor.

CAA expedites Indian citizenship applications of Hindus, Parsis, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains and Christians who escaped to India from religious persecution in Muslim-majority Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan before December 31, 2014. They become eligible for citizenship in five years. Legal experts have argued that the Act violates Article 14 of the Indian Constitution, which says: "The State shall not deny to any person equality before the law or the equal protection of the laws within the territory of India," as it excludes Muslims. "One must pay attention to the timing of when the notification has been put out. While the announce-

ment of general elections is soon approaching, the apex court on the same day of the announcement ordered SBI to disclose the details of electoral bonds to the Election Commission by close of business hours on March 12. This must not sway the minds of people from focusing on real issues to communal ones," said another protestor while urging citizens to demand accountability towards issues such as unemployment and inflation.

Bengaluru protests

A source responsible for organising the protest told Bangalore Mirror that the limitations imposed on protests in the city are becoming increasingly restrictive. While standing in the premises of Freedom Park, far off from the pedestrian pathways where protestors can communicate their concerns to commoners, the source said that they were provided the permission to protest only after they agreed to not stand on the pedestrian pathway, articulating their thoughts to crowds passing by.

"With each day, they are pushing us back inch by inch. We will soon have to engage our thoughts with the walls of Freedom Park. A police bus as well as a Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTCL) bus has been designated to stand by the premises of the park now. We have been noticing this phenomenon since we protested in Maurya Circle, demanding the withdrawal of the police order restricting protests to Freedom Park," the source said.

Blast: No arrests so far, NIA clarifies

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has clarified that no arrests have been made yet in connection with the recent blast at Rameshwaram Cafe in Bengaluru. NIA sources have urged the media to refrain from speculating on the matter, emphasising that no suspects have been apprehended.

Earlier reports had suggested that a person named Shabbir, hailing from the Cowl Bazaar area in Ballari, was detained by the NIA for questioning regarding the blast. Additionally, last week, a cloth merchant from Kaul Bazaar in Ballari and a mem-

ber of the banned Popular Front of India (PFI) were detained by a joint team of NIA and Central Crime Branch in relation to the investigation.

The investigating teams suspect that one of the detainees, known to be associated with the PFI, may have been involved in planning the attack and had connections with terrorist organisations. It is believed that the PFI member might have influenced individuals, potentially including the perpetrator of the bombing.

Last week, the NIA had released new images of a primary suspect involved in the

blast, urging the public to come forward with any information. The agency emphasised on confidentiality and provided contact details for

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An apple cider vinegar drink a day?

New study shows it might help weight loss

Made from fermented apples and naturally high in acetic acid, apple cider vinegar has been popular in recent years for its purported health benefits – from antibacterial properties to antioxidant effects and potential for helping manage

blood sugars.

Its origins as a health tonic stretch much further back. Hippocrates used it to treat wounds, fever and skin sores.

An experimental study, released today, looks into whether apple cider vinegar could be effective for weight loss, reduce blood glucose

levels and reduce blood lipids (cholesterol and triglycerides).

The results suggest it could reduce all three – but it might not be as simple as downing an apple cider vinegar drink a day.

What did they do?

A group of scientists in Lebanon did a double-blinded, randomised, clinical trial in a group of overweight and obese young people aged from 12–25 years.

Researchers randomly placed 30 participants in one of four groups.

The participants were instructed to consume either 5, 10 or 15ml of apple cider vinegar diluted into 250ml of water each morning before they ate anything for 12 weeks. A control group consumed an inactive drink (a placebo) made (from lactic acid added to water) to look and taste the same.

Typically this sort of study provides high quality evidence as it can show cause and effect – that is the intervention (apple cider vinegar in this case) leads to a certain outcome. The study was also double-blinded, which means neither the participants or the scientists involved with collecting the data knew who was in which group.

So, what did they find? After a period of three months apple cider vinegar consumption was linked with significant falls in body weight and body mass index (BMI). On average, those who drank apple cider vinegar during that period lost 6–8kg in weight and reduced their BMI by 2.7–3 points, depending on the dose. They also showed significant decreases in the waist and hip circumference.

The authors also report significant decreases in levels of blood glucose, triglycerides, and cholesterol in the apple cider groups. This finding echoes previous studies. The placebo group, who were given water with lactic acid, had much smaller decreases in weight and BMI. There were also no significant decreases in blood glucose and blood lipids.

From animal studies, it is thought the acetic acid in apple cider vinegar may affect the expression of genes involved in burning fats for energy. The new study did not explore whether this mechanism was involved in any weight loss.

Is this good news?

While the study appears promising, there are also reasons for caution.

Firstly, study participants were aged from 12 to 25, so we can't say whether the results could apply to everyone.



The statistical methods used in the study don't allow us to confidently say the same amount of weight loss would occur again if the study was done again.

And while the researchers kept records of the participants' diet and exercise during the study, these were not published in the paper. This makes it difficult to determine if diet or exercise may have had an impact. We don't know whether participants changed the amount they ate or the types of food they ate, or whether they changed their exercise levels.

The study used a placebo which they tried to make identical in appearance and taste to the active treatment. But people may still be able to determine differences. Researchers may ask participants at the end of a study to guess which group they were in to test the integrity of the placebo. Unfortunately this was not done in this study, so we can't be certain if the participants knew or not.

Finally, the authors do not report whether anyone dropped out of the study. This could be important and influence results if people who did not lose weight quit due to lack of motivation.

Any other concerns?

Apple cider vinegar is acidic and there are concerns it may erode tooth enamel. This can be a problem with any acidic beverages, including fizzy drinks, lemon water and orange juice.

To minimise the risk of acid

erosion some dentists recommend the following after drinking acidic drinks:

- rinsing out your mouth with tap water afterwards
- chewing sugar-free gum afterwards to stimulate saliva production
- avoiding brushing your teeth immediately after drinking because it might damage the teeth's softened top layer
- drink with a straw to minimise contact with the teeth.

Down the hatch?

This study provides us with some evidence of a link between apple cider vinegar and weight loss. But before health professionals can recommend this as a weight loss strategy we need bigger and better conducted studies across a wider age range.

Such research would need to be done alongside a controlled background diet and exercise across all the participants. This would provide more robust evidence that apple cider vinegar could be a useful aid for weight loss.

Still, if you don't mind the taste of apple cider vinegar then you could try drinking some for weight loss, alongside a healthy balanced and varied dietary intake. This study does not suggest people can eat whatever they like and drink apple cider vinegar as a way to control weight.

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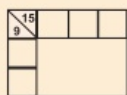
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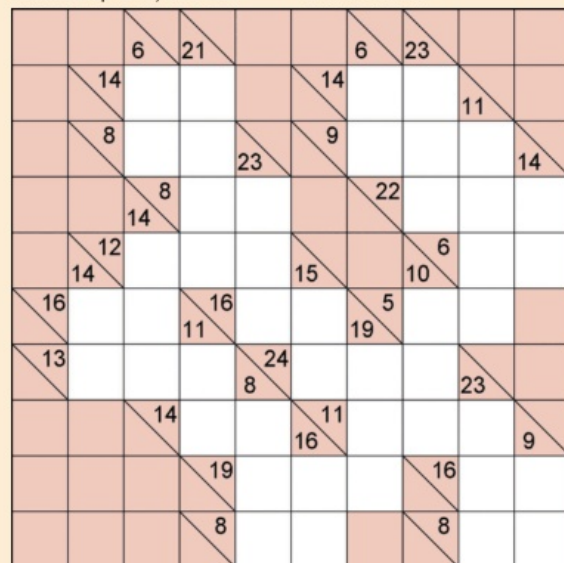
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

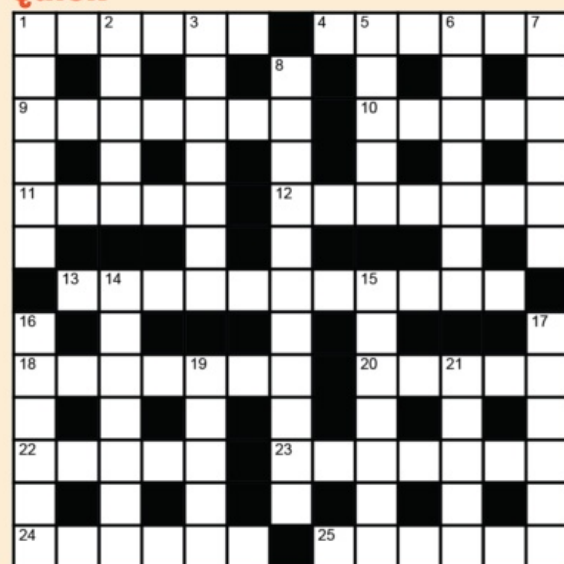


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

- 1 Marriage partner (6)
- 4 Work hard (6)
- 9 Japanese flower arranging (7)
- 10 Poppy product (5)
- 11 Great fear (5)
- 12 Under a roof (7)
- 13 Facts, news or knowledge? (11)
- 18 Tries out (7)
- 20 Flies like an eagle (5)
- 22 Be in command (5)
- 23 Beginning (7)
- 24 Small seal (6)
- 25 Representatives (6)

DOWN

- 1 Rumpus, furore or to-do (6)
- 2 Extremely fat (5)
- 3 Person or thing just not specified (2-3-2)
- 5 Evade (5)
- 6 Venezuelan river (7)
- 7 Negligent (6)
- 8 Mosque near the City Market (5,6)
- 14 Deadening or anaesthetizing? (7)
- 15 Examining or trying (7)
- 16 Supplants (6)
- 17 Sacred songs (6)
- 19 Thrust forward (5)
- 21 Charged atom (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Z EQUALS T
ZOK FJUK BWUJIMSU MAK
ZOLUK FOL QPMC FOMZ ZOKC
IMS BMUZKA.



Linemaro

You're the only girl I love now... but in ten years, I'll love another girl. She'll call you 'Mommy.'



Mindchow

The fewer the facts, the stronger the opinion



Joke of the day

I shot my first Turkey today. Scared the hell out of everyone in the frozen food section

Loop

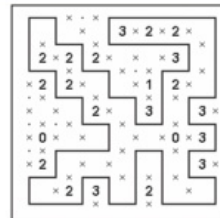
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

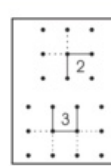
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

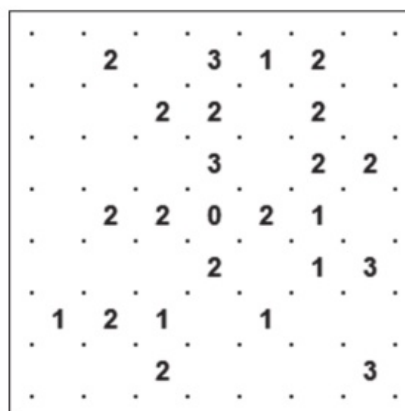
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



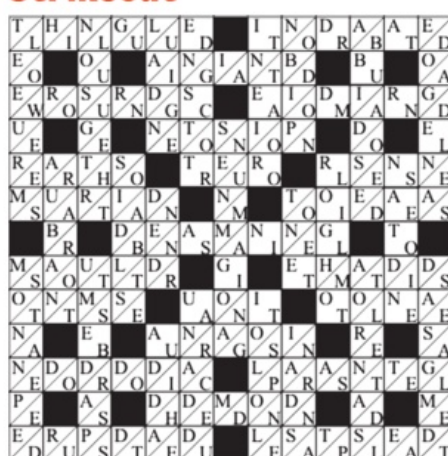
(Fig A)



(Fig B)
Not Allowed



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

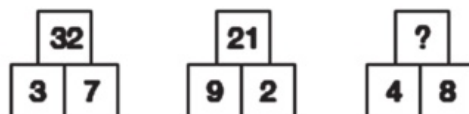
- 1 Map as; 6 Pen in;
- 7 Sneer; 8 Lu tad;
- 9 My RUL

DOWN

- 1 Parse; 2 Duper;
- 3 Unman; 4 Sell N;
- 5 It's my

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

13 Average; 15 Good; 17 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy

1 2 7 8 = 16

Medium

2 5 8 8 = 34

Hard

1 5 8 5 = 18

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Sled is longer. 2. Ann is missing. 3. Cap is different. 4. Sailboat is different. 5. Hair is different. 6. Curtain is missing.

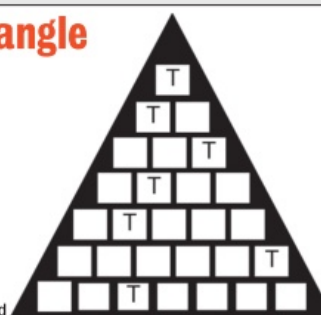
Riddler

Which letter comes next in the following sequence? D, R, M, F, S, L, T, ?

Alpha triangle

- 1 20th letter
- 2 Bye!
- 3 Pollack piece
- 4 Galaxy glitterer
- 5 Look fixedly at
- 6 Least adequate
- 7 Is false to

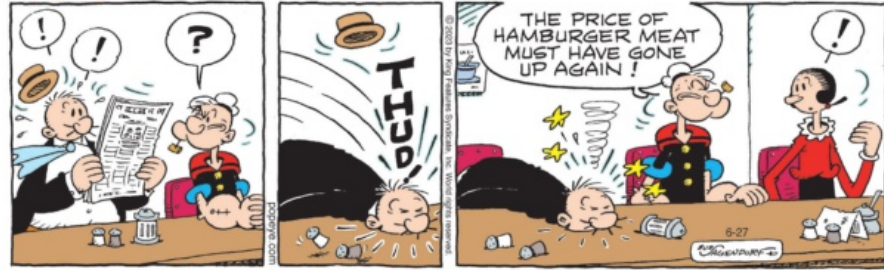
Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be



made at each step answering to the clue given.

COMICS

Popeye



Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil



Hart of the city



Crankshaft



Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today, you may start your day with good feelings and enjoy work. You may have patience, and it may reflect in your way of working. You may be optimistic in terms of gains in the business. You may have an emotional bond with your spouse, which may increase family harmony. Job seekers may hear good news.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

Today you are blessed by the moon, and your destiny is likely to be with you. You may be more energetic and focused on your work. Your hard work may pay off in terms of success. Your colleagues may be able to help you. You are likely to go on short work-related trips. Some good news may come from your sibling.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today, you may be blessed by the moon, and your disappointment may now be converted into happiness. You may be more focused on your targets. You are likely to use your creativity to make some changes in your office or house. You may also find love around you. Lovebirds are advised to avoid fantasy in the relationship. Students may avoid speculation in their studies.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

Today is a good day at work; you may perform well and may lead your team efficiently. Your focus on work may be appreciated by your boss, and you may also get some promotions in terms of rewards. Job seekers may get a new job. Singles are likely to fall in love with someone at the workplace. Architects, artists, and traders will do better.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Today, you may be busy with family matters. You may take some important steps on the domestic front. Your arrogance may affect domestic harmony, and you should avoid making arguments about personal matters. By late evening, things may be under control. You are advised to follow your intuition before making investments in the business.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Today, you may be busy at work; your communication skills may help you get a big order; and you are likely to meet some influential people who will help you grow your business. Your family may support you in a difficult decision at work. You are advised to be careful in love matters. Love birds are advised to control straightforwardness in the conversation.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Today is important for domestic life. You may be busy with kids and hear some good news in terms of their education. You may buy some creative stuff for your home or office to maintain your social status. You are advised to use wisdom while buying some stuff. Natives related to the military, management, electronics, and medicine will do better.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Today, you may feel peace in your mind as messy situations are now under control. You may be able to make a proper balance between expenditures and earnings, which may increase your financial health. You are advised to avoid too much travelling or overworking, as it may affect your health. Students can start planning for their future. Love birds may enjoy their happy moments.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Today, you may have the full support of your parents, and you may have good success at work, which is related to a government project. Your terms with management are likely to improve, which may benefit your business or work. You may plan for overseas work-related travel. You are advised to drink plenty of water and use lemon in your food to prevent some infections.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Today, you may be dissatisfied. You are advised to be patient, as people around you may not cooperate with you. You are also advised to read documents carefully before signing any contracts. Making new investments in useless stuff may be a bottleneck for you. Students are advised to read their subjects with patience.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today until evening, you may enjoy your work and domestic life. You may get some money that was stuck somewhere. You may feel dull in the late evening, and some unknown fear may make you upset. You are advised to meditate as you may get stressed, which may affect your sleep.



Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Today, you may be a victim of an unknown fear, and you may have negative thoughts. Impatience and arrogance may push you to make difficult decisions at work. You are likely to seek the blessing of your elders, which may help you come out of the messy situation. You are advised to avoid making investments in dead assets. Lovebirds are also advised to avoid discussing worthless topics.



KIDZONE



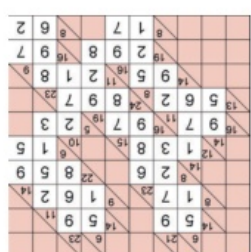
Sannidhi Bhat, 10 years, New Horizon Gurukul



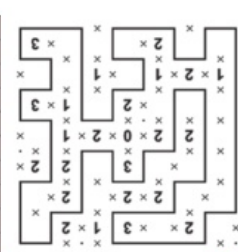
Harsha DA, 14 years, MEG High School

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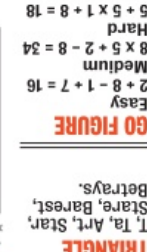
SOLUTIONS



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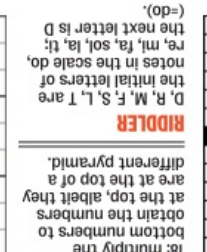
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ALPHA TRIANGLE



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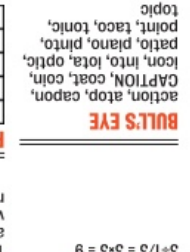
QUICK



STRIKE OUT



QUOTE UNQUOTE



SOLVE IN 1M



Wait for The Batman Part II — Movie buffs have to wait a year longer to watch Robert Pattinson reprising his role in 'The Batman Part II' as the makers have postponed the film's release date to October 2, 2026

Kat reveals how her husband Vicky helps out when she feels insecure about her appearance

CONFIDENCE MANTRA



Katrina Kaif and Vicky Kaushal have become a beloved couple in the film industry, winning fans over with their public displays of affection and mutual support. In a recent interview, Katrina shared glimpses into their relationship dynamics, sharing relatable struggles with confidence. She opened up about Vicky's reassuring words whenever she felt insecure about her appearance before stepping out. In a recent interview with Hello! India Magazine, Katrina Kaif talked about how her idea of beauty has changed over the years. She shared moments when she gets a bit worried before going out for events, focusing on things like her outfit, hair, and others. Reflecting on these moments, Katrina remembered the meaningful reminder she received from her husband, Vicky Kaushal. "Aren't you the person who says it's Kay to be you?" Katrina also admitted, "We all struggle with self-image and confidence issues." She highlighted how societal expectations and the influence of social media can put pressure on women to meet specific beauty ideals. She stressed that, even though it might not always be obvious, this pressure can affect one's self-perception over time. Even though she didn't see herself as an expert on telling people to love themselves, Katrina understood how important it is to appreciate what makes each person special. She said, it's also a reminder for myself to celebrate myself, right? To celebrate what is unique about us, because that's what makes us, us."

Katrina Kaif's latest movie, 'Merry Christmas,' premiered in theaters on January 12, and marked her first collaboration with Vijay Sethupathi. — ETimes

Mesmerising moves

Kriti Sanon is preparing for the much-anticipated release of her upcoming film, 'Crew', where she shares the screen with Tabu and Kareena Kapoor Khan. Ahead of the film's debut, the actress treated fans with a stunning behind-the-scenes video.

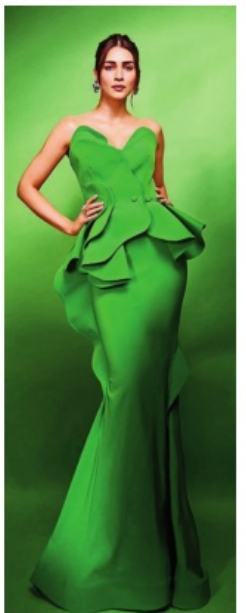
In the video, Kriti showcases her curves and dance prowess as she grooves to the rhythm of the song 'Naina'.

Her mesmerising moves captivated audiences, building anticipation for the movie's release.

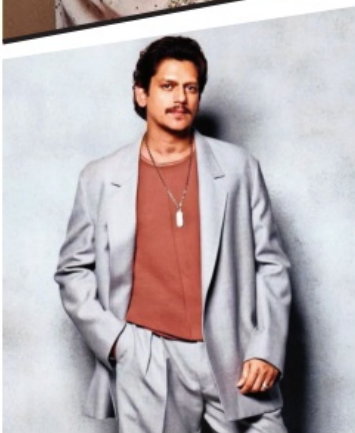
Kriti exuded stunning elegance in her attire, wearing a black tube bralette paired with a matching black skirt. Her radiant appearance was captivating, with wavy locks cascading down her shoulders. Effortlessly glamorous, Kriti mesmerised as she danced to the enchanting rhythm of 'Naina'.

The makers unveiled a new energetic track from the film on Tuesday, featuring the dynamic trio of Tabu, Kareena Kapoor Khan, and Kriti.

— ETimes



LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP



After appearing alongside Kareena Kapoor in Sujoy Ghosh's film 'Jaane Jaan', Vijay Varma is now slated to collaborate with Kareena's elder sister, Karisma Kapoor, in Homi Adajania's forthcoming movie, 'Murder Mubarak'.

In a recent interview,

Vijay shared insights into his experience working alongside the Kapoor sisters. The actor admitted to having a 'one-sided love' for Kareena while forming a close friendship with Karisma Kapoor during the filming of 'Murder Mubarak'. Speaking to Siddharth Kannan, Vijay said that people saw the affection he had for Kareena in the film 'Jaane Jaan'.

That's a fatal attraction—one-sided love for Kareena. The kind of love where people admire the person from a distance. On the other hand, with Karisma,

he got to hang out with her very closely, and they became very good friends. There is a good friendship between them, a lot of love, and he has been her fan.

Jaane Jaan represented Kareena's initial on-screen partnership with Vijay Varma and Jaideep Ahlawat. In a prior interview, the actor also shared how her husband, Saif Ali Khan, had cautioned her to brace herself before filming with them. In an interview with Bollywood Hungama, Kareena said that Saif was like, 'You need to be a little more prepared as they are going to be very well prepared.'

— ETimes



SANDALWOOD SHOTS
Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Mysterious girl

Dhanya Ramkumar is filled with excitement as her latest movie Hide & Seek is set to release on Friday. As an actress, Hide & Seek is the third movie for Dhanya, who extended her support to the film's promotional activities.

"I like mystery and thriller genre movies. I agreed to act in Hide & Seek as I found its script to be very interesting when the director narrated it to me. I trust the director

made all efforts to keep the film interesting," said Dhanya.

Dhanya debuted in Sandalwood with Ninna Sanihake that was released in 2021. Her second movie is Kaala Patthar.



"I play a girl from an affluent family in Hide & Seek. She is a spoiled brat because of her parents. She gets kidnapped by the hero. How she adapts herself to the prevailing conditions and what happens to her is the story," Dhanya said.

According to her, the movie's journey begins from Magadi and continues up to Bengaluru and returns to Magadi. "I have a feeling of having worked with a good team. It was a good experience. The movie went on floors only after conducting a workshop to give us training. The team members were like family members," she said.

25 days screening

The team of Dheera Samrat gathered at a hotel in the city to celebrate the success of the movie. As of now, the movie is being screened at one theater in Bengaluru and three theaters in north Karnataka. The movie was released at theaters on February 16. Director Pavan Kumar said that he is very happy with the successful screening of Dheera Samrat for 25 days. "It was not easy for this movie to draw the audiences to theaters as 21 movies, including other language movies, were released on the same day as this film," said Pavan Kumar.

Thanking producer Guru Bandi for his support, the director said the producer was a great help to the cast and crew "I also thank heroine Adhvithi



Shetty for honouring her commitment towards attending promotional activities of the movie. Dhruva Sarja attended the muhurat event of the movie while Sri Murali launched the trailer of the movie. It would have been a great boost to the movie if we had other popular actors' support to promote it," the director said.

The movie is expected to be dubbed in Tamil and Telugu shortly.